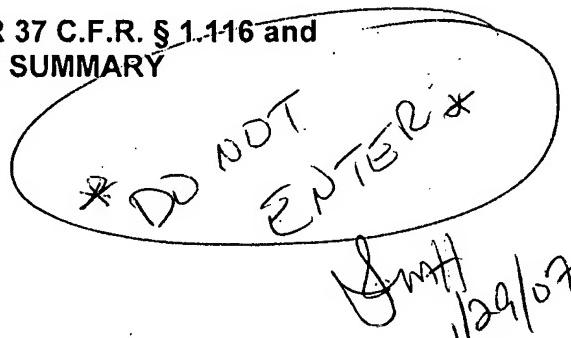


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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of October 19, 2006, in which the three-month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to January 19, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks. Further, Applicants herein provide a summary of a telephone interview conducted on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 between Applicants' representative, Safet Metjahic, and Examiners Jaime Holliday and Joseph Feild.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 23 of this Response.